

SUMMARY

I. Description of Item

This resolution amends the FY2009 Operating Budget to expend grant funds from the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth in the amount of \$182,558 for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

This is a continuation of previous grants used to implement programs to reduce juvenile delinquency and increase accountability in the juvenile justice system and for juvenile offenders. The JABG allocation for this year was \$182,558; a decrease of 8% from last year's funding level. A committee comprised of the following met and determined that the County's portion would be spent on continuation programs that have been shown to be effective: Memphis Area Community Solutions, Juvenile Court, City of Collierville, Commission on Missing and Exploited Children, Germantown Police Department, Memphis City Schools, District Attorney General's Office, Bartlett Police Department, Shelby County Schools, Memphis Police Department, Millington Police Department, Consilience Group, LLC, Crime Victims Center, City of Memphis, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, and Shelby County Government. The following agencies/offices were selected by the committee to receive Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth funding under JABG:

1. Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County will receive \$26,690 for the expansion and enhancement of both the Greater Opportunities for Additional Learning (GOAL) Program and the Office of Clinical Services. This is achieved by using funds to provide educational and recruiting supplies, and psychological services to these programs, which will assist them in providing a better level of service to clients.
2. The Commission on Missing and Exploited Children will receive \$49,948 to aid in reducing/preventing recidivism of runaways involved in juvenile crimes/delinquency and the number of occurrences of children running away from home, and to empower juveniles with tools to make good choices. This is achieved by providing counseling services, education and information for children/families dealing with juvenile delinquent issues, and by providing referrals to the appropriate agencies for the specific problems of each juvenile.
3. The District Attorney General's Office will receive \$105,920 to aid in increasing juveniles' accountability for their behavior. This is achieved by assigning a well-trained, experienced district attorney to prosecute violent juvenile offenders.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

This grant in the amount of \$182,558 is a direct State Grant administered by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth to implement juvenile crime prevention programs. The responsible departments estimate that of the grant proceeds of \$156,490 will be expended or encumbered in Fiscal Year 2009, with the remainder to be budgeted for Fiscal Year 2010. In addition, each responsible Shelby County department will provide matching contributions of ten percent for their segment of the program conducted by their offices, for a total in matching contributions from Shelby County Government of \$14,735.00. Shelby County Government will enter into a sub-award agreement with the Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) in the amount of \$49,947.00 for additional services to administer program activities necessary to the execution compliance of this award, and COMEC will provide the required ten percent matching contribution totaling \$5,549.00 for the segment of the program it will conduct. Exhibit A outlines the expenditures of the grant for these projects.

III. Contract Items

IV. Additional Information Relevant to the Approval of this Item

Grant award documentation is attached.